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When snooping around for a job, you may want to consider the CIA

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LOWELL — You don't have to be a spy to work for the Central Intelligence Agency.

Like any big government agency or private corporation, the CIA needs all kinds of people from secretaries to scientists to operations officers — who are the people who gather intelligence overseas.

And the agency is always looking for help.

Most of the CIA's employees are hired off college campuses, but the agency also runs employment advertisements regularly in newspapers all over the country, says spokeswoman Patti Volz.

"It's a viable method that we make use of just like anybody else," she says. "We're always doing it."

Newspaper ads are used to solicit people for all types of jobs — even operations officers. An ad in last week's Sunday Sun solicited communications specialists.

What does it take to work for the CIA?

First, you must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen and willing to work overseas.

Polygraph test

But you also must survive an intensive background check and a polygraph test with a standard set of questions Volz wouldn't disclose.

Then, there are different requirements for different jobs.

The most romantic job — and the one most people think of when they think of the CIA — is that of operations officer.

For that position, you must have a college degree with a

"good academic record" and be able to speak a foreign language — or have the "aptitude to learn" one.

There are subjective requirements for the job, too. The job

Telecommunications & Electronics Specialists

CIA... where a career in COMMUNICATIONS

speaks
for itself

The environment in which you work can mean a lot to your professional success. It should be intellectually stimulating and vital, in an organization where you can assume as much responsibility as you need to challenge your talents. If this is the type of environment you seek, here is your opportunity to use your telecommunications and electronics experience in projects of national importance.

At the Central Intelligence Agency, we recognize that your experience and training are valuable assets — skills that will ensure the success of our mission and your career. When you join us, you will be a part of a select group of professional men and women who apply their talents in a variety of assignments around the world. We have positions available for the following highly skilled, highly motivated people:

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECIALISTS

You should have at least 3 years training/experience as a telecommunications specialist, communicator, Morse intercept operator, radio or computer specialist. Additionally, a minimum touch typing speed of 30 wpm is required. Morse code ability at 12 GPM send/receive is preferred, but individuals with Morse aptitude will be considered. Starting salary \$18,544.

COMSEC/TEMPEST ENGINEERS AND TECHNICIANS

Engineers must have a BSEE/BSET or equivalent training and experience; technicians must have an AAS degree or equivalent. Familiarity with COMSEC standards and TEMPEST testing in accordance with NACSSM 5100A is also required. Starting salaries range from \$20,965 to \$25,398 and up, depending on experience and qualifications.

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS ENGINEERS

You should have a BSEE/CS degree (MS desired). Additionally, experience in packet switching, message switching, data

communications, local area networks, HF radio, VHF/UHF/microwave transmission, satellite communications, computer systems networking, microprocessor applications, COMSEC, TEMP, EST, or project management desired. Salaries from the mid-20s and up, depending on experience and qualifications.

ELECTRONICS TECHNICIANS

You should have an AAS degree in electronic technology or equivalent military/commercial training and experience. Knowledge of RF theory/circuitry, solid state, and applications is also required. Starting salaries are \$19,740 to \$21,056, depending on skills and qualifications.

We have additional opportunities available for clerks, clerk-typists and secretaries.

In addition to these requirements, you must be a U.S. citizen (both self and dependents), meet strict security and medical standards, be at least 18 years old, and be willing to work overseas.

Attention Military Personnel: Apply now if you are scheduled for separation within the next six months.

Your contributions in these positions will be rewarded with excellent career growth potential and substantial benefits. You also will be rewarded with the satisfaction that comes from providing unique and vital contributions to our nation's security.

To apply, send resume by October 29, 1985 to:

Recruitment Activity Officer
Dept. S, Rm. 4N20 (M63)
P.O. Box 1925
Washington, D.C. 20013



Central Intelligence Agency

The CIA is an Equal Opportunity Employer

This ad appeared in The Sunday Sun last week.

description for operations officers says they must be "cool and self-disciplined" and have the ability to think on their feet.

The job, the agency says, will "test your self-reliance to the utmost" and require the "deepest resources of your knowledge, intelligence and responsibility."

Pay at the CIA is comparable to that at any other federal agency. Incoming professionals, for instance, earn between about \$18,000 and \$24,000, depending on the position, the level of the applicant's degree and his experience.

Volz says the CIA's hiring procedure is like that of any big company.

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